

STIRRING SERMON GIVEN BY WOMAN

Mrs. E. G. White Urges Adventists to Deeper Work.

GROWTH OF SABBATH SCHOOLS

Mrs. L. F. Plummer Reports 3,747 Schools with a Total Membership of 88,843—Children's Contributions in 1908 Reached \$104,917—Broadening of Department Strongly Urged.

With forceful phrase, emphasizing the necessity of consecration and of devotion to the work which God has entrusted to them, Mrs. E. G. White, a well-known religious leader, gave a stirring sermon to the Seventh-day Adventists yesterday morning.

She spoke before the American foreign departmental meeting, which is rapidly extending its missionary work.

All other features of the day's meetings were incidental to this vigorous preaching, which is regarded as a striking call to develop the missions in far-off lands. A meeting of the medical department discussed Mexico as a field for effort, and in the department of education was shown, in the form of statistics, the great progress of the past twelve months. But the interest of the great convention was focused on the



strong religious exposition made by Mrs. White.

Sermon of Mrs. White.

"God has given His people a great work to do in the world," she said in opening her sermon, "and every soul who professes to be a son or daughter of God should give evidence that his heart is being impressed by the Holy Spirit."

"This will mean everything to the success of his labors."

"Here are workers who have come from foreign countries. They have come to see and to understand. They are determined to improve every privilege that they may gain back to their fields of labor with a renewal of grace and the power of the spirit of God. As teachers and leaders in the work, they are to gather precious truths which they will present to their fellow-laborers who are working in many places and in various ways to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth."

Plan for Deeper Work.

"I was instructed that a deeper work must be carried on in the hearts of those who have assembled here to worship God."

"We cannot afford during this meeting to have a cheap exhortation; we cannot afford to speak idle words; we cannot afford to lose the spirit of intercession that God will let His blessing rest upon us in rich measure."

"Let us at this meeting make a busi-

EARTHQUAKE MILES AWAY.

The seismograph at the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey station at Cheltenham, Md., yesterday registered a severe earthquake shock, supposed to be about 3.0 miles from Washington.

The record began about 3:12 a. m. and lasted about an hour, producing tremors of more than average amplitude.

ness of seeking the Lord. Wherever we are, even if we are walking the streets, we can lift up heart and mind and soul to Him who bids us, 'Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' Let us bring these three promises to the Lord, saying, 'Lord, here I am in this great assembly; keep me from doing anything that will make a wrong impression on the people.'

"What we need is the truth. Nothing can take the place of this—the sacred, solemn truth that is to enable us to stand the test of trial, even as Christ endured."

The rapid growth of the Adventist Sabbath schools was the feature of an extended address by Mrs. L. F. Plummer, secretary of the general conference Sabbath school department. There are now 3,747 schools, with a total membership of 88,843 children. Of this number, 1,360 of the schools, with 23,011 scholars, are in foreign lands. A home department was recently established, with 4,500 members.

Contributions of Children. The children's contributions, in 1908, amounted to \$104,917, of which the missionary work was given \$24,500. A remarkable example of the Sabbath school influence is shown in that \$1,500,000 has

been given to the church since its organization.

The broadening of the Sabbath school was strongly urged by Mrs. Plummer. That a manual of Sabbath school instruction be published was advocated. She also urged reading courses for officers and teachers, and the devotion of all the Sunday school contributions to the missions.

There were three new delegates admitted at the morning session, A. E. Britton, F. E. Shepler, of the Lake Union conference, and Prof. E. M. Cady, of the North Pacific conference.

Mexico as a field for missionary work was the subject for discussion in the medical department. Elder G. W. Renner stated that the early work of Dr. Lillis Wood had demonstrated this fact.

Physicians and Nurses Needed. "What is now needed," he said, "is a large number of centers in several of the large cities, each furnished with a con-secrated physician and nurses, to establish the work. An excellent sanatorium near Mexico is at our disposal, and we

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The topic, "Preparation of medical missionary workers," was considered by Dr. Olive O. Ingersoll, of India. The person who did not go to India to do housework, but to be a missionary, raised the question in the physician's mind, "What is it to be a missionary?"

"The answer is found in a study of the life of Jesus," he said. "Notable in his life is the long preparation for a comparatively brief life of missionary activity."

A Bible study, "The work of the Holy Spirit," was conducted by Elder R. D. Quinn, of Montana.

A devotional meeting from 6 to 7 o'clock was held by Elder W. H. Meredith, of England. The leader centered his remarks on the fact that the best use of present opportunities and time should be made to prepare ourselves for the eternal kingdom.

NOTES OF THE CONFERENCE. Elder S. B. Horton, of the press committee, who is secretary of the Southern Union Conference religious liberty department, Nashville, Tenn., was connected with the Fifty-first Congress. At the time of his conversion to Seventh-day Adventism he was a full-fledged politician. Having also been connected with newspaper work in the past, he was associated with the committee on press reporting at this conference.

The menu for breakfast and dinner for yesterday was as follows:

Breakfast—Creamed hominy, stewed potatoes, breaded tomatoes, stewed raisins, rhubarb, plums, evaporated pears, figs, bananas, oranges, nuts, and olives.

Dinner—Vegetable soup, mashed potatoes, lima beans, onions and radishes, cottage cheese, strawberries, stewed figs, lemon pudding.

Among recent arrivals on the camp ground is Judge Cyrus W. Simmons, of Nashville, Tenn. The judge is an attorney of influence. He and his wife are attending the conference.

The Washington Sanatorium is well filled with guests, who are being looked after by Dr. Kress and his able corps of sanatorium workers.

The vegetarian diet followed by Seventh-day Adventists seems particularly adapted to children. They certainly seem to be in the prime of health, judging from their rosy cheeks and physical de-

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LAST NIGHT AT THE LOCAL PLAYHOUSES

THE BELASCO.

"The Witching Hour."

The return engagement of Augustus Thomas' play, "The Witching Hour," with John Mason in the leading role, started out last night with promise to duplicate the success of its first showing in the city both as regards patronage in the matter of attendance and enthusiastic approval, the playhouse being entirely filled. Close attention and hearty appreciation marked the conduct of the audience.

The play is unquestionably one of Mr. Thomas' best, involving a mixture of sentiment and psychology, dealing under the latter head with mental telepathy, though transcendence, and mind cure to a certain extent the treatment being of a strong character, closely bordering on melodrama; but with poetic attributes and with enough comedy to lighten the mass. The characters are for the most part creatures of more than ordinary intelligence, and the words put into their mouths are calculated to stimulate thought and awaken sentiment, which is something to say of a play irrespective of its exact position in the category of dramatic vehicles, or even its precise attitude in its particular class. It is also absorbingly interesting and has some show of scholarship, besides being splendidly interpreted. All these qualities speak for success, even unto a second and perhaps third rendition, the details having already been so thoroughly stated as to make the repetition thereof unnecessary.

John Mason is at his very best in the role of Jack Brookfield, the gambler. His methods are so clear and his conception so exact as to make his delineation entirely interesting, while his splendid voice and elocution are as powerful as ever in making his work stand out. In fact, he is now, as he has been for nearly two years, about the best leading man on the American stage.

Another splendid piece of work is that of Russ Whytal as Justice Prentice. It is really the sentiment of this role which holds up the whole edifice of the play, and Mr. Whytal is eminently successful in invoking it. The remaining members of the capable cast are George Gaston, as Levi Ellinger; Purnell Pratt, as Tom Denning; Charles Balsar, as Clay Whipple; George Nash, as Frank Hardin; Ethel Winthrop, as Alice Campbell; E. L. Walton, as Justice Henderson; Amelia Campbell, as Helen Whipple; Julia Hay, as Viola Campbell, and others minor in the cast, but superior in what small parts they essay.

THE NATIONAL.

"The Highwayman."

The offering for the third week of the popular Aborn Opera Company's summer engagement at the New National is that old favorite comic opera, "The Highwayman," the work of Reginald de Koven and Harry B. Smith, which has been sung with marked success in New York and throughout the country. "The Highwayman" is built upon a higher level than perhaps any other of de Koven's productions, and for successful presentation, ability of a grade superior to that demanded by the average comic opera is required. The welcome given last night by the large audience at the New National gave ample evidence not only of the popularity of the opera itself, but of the strength and competency of the company as well. Unlike most of the light operas, "The Highwayman" has a well defined plot, consistently carried out, and its various characters are distinctive and well defined, the love story charming, though romantic and, possibly, a little improbable, while the music, for the most part, is most pleasing and greatly superior to the familiar "catchy" variety. The central figure of the story, Dick Fitzgerald, known as Capt. Scarlett, the bold and daring highwayman, as sung by Forrest; Huff, is made such a manly and romantic personage that the character becomes attractive and the charming melody, "Constance is dead" (Miss Helen Bertram) is readily forgiven for falling in love with her picturesque hero, and is warmly applauded when she herself assumes the character to save her lover from arrest at the hands of the doughty Fox Quiller and his constabulary staff.

Miss Bertram was in fine voice, and her rendition of both her own and her assumed character was exceedingly attractive. Miss Fritz von Busing as Lady Pamela was richly and becomingly costumed and sang her role with taste and sweetness.

Miss Sabery D'Orsell as Dolci Primrose the bar maid, was vivacious and winning; an excellent actress, with a very pleasing voice well controlled. Messrs. Chambers, West and Solomon filled their roles acceptably.

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